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David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Petition of Tennessee UNE-P Coalition to Open Contested Case Proceeding to Declare Unbundled Switching an Unrestricted Unbundled Network Element.

Docket:02-00207

Dear David

This is to advise that AT&T was inadvertently included in the footnote on page one (1) of the Petition to Open Contested Case Proceeding in the above-captioned proceeding filed earlier today. A substitute page is being provided. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY Nashville, Tennessee

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PETITION OF TENNESSEE UNE-P COALITION TO OPEN A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING TO DECLARE SWITCHING AN UNRESTRICTED UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENT

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PETITION TO OPEN CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-209(d), the Tennessee UNE-P Coalition¹ hereby requests that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") hold a contested case proceeding to establish unrestricted local switching as a "new interconnection service."

The TRA has the authority to grant the requested relief pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-209(d) and T.C.A. § 65-4-124(a) (entitling telecommunications providers in Tennessee access to features, functions, and services on an unbundled and non-discriminatory basis). In conducting its review, the TRA can and should also carry out the statutory analysis required by Section 251(c)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3), to declare switching to be an unbundled network element ("UNE") under federal law. To add a UNE pursuant to Section 251(c)(3), Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules require

The Tennessee UNE-P Coalition includes the following companies: Access Integrated Networks, Inc.; Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.; Ernest Communications, Inc.; MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (collectively, "WorldCom"); NewSouth Communications Corp.; and Z-Tel Communications Inc.

Section 251(c)(3) of the Act requires incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") to provide "nondiscriminatory access to network elements on an unbundled basis . . . in a manner that allows requesting carriers to combine such elements in order to provide . . . telecommunications service." 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3).